

BRANDON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
July 8, 2025

PRESENT: John Peterson, Frank Bump, Dennis Reisenweaver, Vicki Disorda, Shirley Markland
ALSO PRESENT: Robert Black

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm. Zoom was working. Approved minutes from meeting of April 8, 2025, unanimously. Approved the agenda for current meeting, unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Term limits—this has not been discussed by the Selectboard. Compliance with ordinance has also not been discussed by Selectboard. Dennis raised an issue of the required qualifications of the commissioners to be on the commission and Frank pointed out that building experience is invaluable while Vicki commented that life experience should also count.

Discussed issue of budget to present to the Selectboard. Group discussed possible expenditures. Maps or coloring book of historic buildings is one possibility. John brought up the book that Rutland County did years ago through the Vt Division of Historical Preservation which Frank had a copy of. Talked about whether similar pamphlet could be done for Brandon and Robert mentioned the idea of a coloring book of Brandon buildings and sites. We agreed that such a project would involved mostly printing and the group agreed on asking for \$2500 from the Selectboard.

Historical Plaques—Dennis said that he has an agreement with NE Woodcraft for making them and has found someone to put dates on. John raised the question of how to find accurate dates and that it could be a considerable expense. The group agreed to continue to think about methods and expenses involved in establishing accurate dates. Dennis said that he feels the plaques should sell for \$100.

Workbook update: Dennis reported that we did not get the Lake Champlain grant he had applied for as our issue did not fit within their

categories. He is still waiting on the Walter Cerf application and expects to hear in September.

There was discussion about the use of the workbook once it is complete and how to best coordinate with the Planning Commission as that group is hoping to use such a document for economic development. Dennis is hoping to set up a meeting of the working group within the next few weeks.

Town Farm: Vicki reported her related efforts to get in touch with the owner of the property and that she had left information at her house about being on the registry and gotten no response. Dennis has not heard more from the owner of the school house or any followup from the observatory.

As an FYI John reported that the ice house for the Training School is on the property that the Rutland County Animal Shelter is going to be occupying. There was some discussion about the stories from the Training School and the efforts to preserve this history.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.